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The Honorable Sean P. Duffy
Member, U.S. House of Representatives
Washington D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Duffy:

Thank you for your July 19, 2013 letter regarding the Bad River Band of the Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians' wastewater treatment facilities.

On August 15, 2013, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency issued a Compliance Plan to resolve ongoing violations at the Bad River wastewater treatment facilities. The Compliance Plan, which is enclosed, lays out specific steps that the Band must take to correct these violations by January 31, 2014. Prior to issuing the Compliance Plan, EPA provided the Band with compliance assistance, including an on-site compliance review conducted at the Bad River Wastewater Treatment Plant in April 2012.

On August 27, 2013, EPA will hold a public hearing on draft permits for the Band's wastewater treatment plant and lagoons. The hearing will be held at the Bad River Lodge & Convention Center, 73370 U.S. Highway 2, Odanah. EPA will take additional comments until September 3, 2013. Further information about these permits is available at www.epa.gov/region5/water/npdestek/badriverband/

Again, thank you for your letter -- and special thanks for taking the time to meet with me when I was in Washington, D.C. last month. If you have further questions, please call me or your staff may contact Denise Gawlinski or Kate Balasa, the Region 5 Congressional Liaisons, at 312-886-3000.

Sincerely,

Susan Hedman
Regional Administrator

Enclosure